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### How do I register for classes?

Never fear! This packet includes directions for registering for your first semester at ECU!

1. Make sure you follow the instructions exactly.
2. Do not wait until your Orientation to register.
3. At your Orientation, an Academic Advisor will review your schedule.
  - a. If a schedule change is needed, you can do so through the first week of the fall semester.
4. **Courses fill up quickly, so register for your classes as soon as possible.**
5. If you were an Early College or Dual Enrollment student, make sure you submit a **final, official** transcript from your community college/university in addition to your high school transcript.

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### Registration Key Terms

<u>Academic Advisor:</u>	The staff member who will guide you through your degree. Academic Advisors assist with course registration and degree planning, among other duties.
<u>Add/Drop Period:</u>	A grace period at the beginning of each semester when you can add or drop a course without penalty.
<u>Course Load:</u>	The number of courses you are taking a semester.
<u>Credit Hour:</u>	You may also see this referred to as “semester hour credit.” Each course is assigned a number of credit hours that measures the instruction and learning for that course.
<u>Full-Time:</u>	To be enrolled as a full-time student, you should register for at least <b>12 credit hours</b> a semester.
<u>General Education:</u>	Requirements outside of your major that are chosen to give you a broad, “well rounded” education.
<u>Orientation:</u>	Required session/event where you will learn about campus resources, how you are expected to behave on campus (also known as a code of conduct), and will meet with an Academic Advisor.
<u>Pre-Requisite:</u>	Course or placement you must complete before taking a course.
<u>Semester:</u>	Measurement that divides the academic year into 15-16 week terms. The main semesters are Fall (August through December) and Spring (January through May); however, there are also shorter semester (8 week) options for some courses, as well as the Summer semester (May through August).
<u>Semester Hour Credit:</u>	A semester hour credit is how college courses are measured. It is defined by the Federal Student Aid Handbook as “one hour of classroom or direct instruction, plus a minimum of two hours outside class work per week, for fifteen weeks” (the length of a semester).

### Did you know?

- If you want to complete your degree within 4 years, without enrolling in summer courses, you should register for *at least* 15 credit hours for the fall (and spring) semester.

Step One:

Click [HERE](#) to open a step-by-step, screenshot tutorial on how to register for classes.

**Step Two: Choose your Fall Courses**

1. Begin with the PRIORITY courses for your major. If those courses are full, you'll move on to the next step to continue registering for courses. You can check for open seats in priority courses until the first week of the fall semester.

Your PRIORITY courses:

MATH 1065 or MATH 0045/0001	<p><b>ONLY if concentrating in Mathematics, TAKE COLLEGE ALGEBRA OR INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA. If you are not concentrating in Mathematics, you may skip these courses for now.</b></p> <p>Please review important math placement test information <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>MATH 1065 is required for all Mathematics concentrators. Please review the math placement test information to determine eligibility to enroll in this course, or if Intermediate Algebra will be required first.</p> <p>3 credit hours</p>
Science with lab (choose one set)	<p><b>BIOL 1050 &amp; BIOL 1051: <i>General Biology with Lab</i></b>  <b>GEOL 1500 &amp; GEOL 1501: <i>Dynamic Earth with Lab</i></b>  <b>PHYS 1080 &amp; PHYS 1081: <i>Physics and the Universe with Lab</i></b></p> <p>4 credit hours</p>
Social Science	<p>Any <a href="#">General Education Social Science</a></p> <p>3 credit hours</p>
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HLTH 1000	<p><i>Health in Modern Society</i></p> <p>2 credit hours</p>

**Step Three: Additional Courses**

For financial aid, insurance, and tuition purposes, you will likely want to register for at least 12 hours. If you did not get 12 hours from the suggestions in Step Two, please choose additional courses from the examples below.

Globally Diverse Fine Art (choose one)	<p><b>ART 1910: <i>Art Appreciation</i></b>  <b>MUSC 2207: <i>Music Appreciation</i></b>  <b>MUSC 2249: <i>Music in World Cultures</i></b>  <b>THEA 1000: <i>Introduction to Theatre</i></b></p> <p>3 credit hours</p>
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<b>Humanity</b>	Any <a href="#">General Education Humanity</a> <i>If concentrating in English, must select ENGL 2000 or ENGL 2200.</i> 3 credit hours
<b>Social Science</b>	Any <a href="#">General Education Social Science</a> <i>If concentrating in Social Studies, must select ECON 2113.</i> 3 credit hours
<b>ENGL 1100</b>	<i>Foundations of College Writing</i> 3 credit hours

#### **Step Four: What else do I need to know?**

- If there is a course you want to take, but it is closed, add yourself to a wait list. Wait list instructions are [HERE](#).
- Requirements for any major can be found in the [Undergraduate Catalog](#).
- Advisors are only an email away!
  - Email [coeadvising@ecu.edu](mailto:coeadvising@ecu.edu) from your ECU student account for assistance. Our Academic Advisors get a lot of emails and have a lot of students to help, but their goal is to return your email within two business days.

#### **Step Five: Use Your Resources**

General Education Course Options: Click [HERE](#).

Math Course Placement Information: <https://math.ecu.edu/placement/>

Registration Errors Explained: <https://advising.ecu.edu/registration-errors/>

Registration Tutorials: <https://registrar.ecu.edu/preparing-to-register/>

Undergraduate Catalog: Click [HERE](#).